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Dear Bruce:

I've just received a letter and a stack of reprints from Boulgakov. His address seems to be Laboratoire du Bacteriophage, 75 Rue Olivier-de-Serres, Paris 15. He writes that he has already shipped samples of the VIII-113 phage, together with propagating typhi strains.

We've been having quite a discussion about the mechanism of adaptation of Vi phages (Graigie). I am convinced that the host specificities result from phenotypic modifications of the phage by the propagating host, rather than selection of host range variants. There's another boy here who wants to look into this for his thesis (at Queens College, Kingston), but if you could manage to locate a Vi type A strain of typhi, we might all have some fun with it. We have (sub rosa) acquired some of the other materials needed.

Sincerely,